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What is the California Minor Crops Council (CMCC)?

The California Minor Crops Council (CMCC) is a coalition of commodity groups that deals proactively with pest management issues and regulatory affairs for specialty crops grown in California. A major objective of the CMCC is to serve as a resource to growers and regulators regarding crop production and pest management practices for California. The CMCC serves as a liaison to inform the grower community about important policy and regulatory issues which will impact how their commodity is grown or marketed.

Specific issues the California Minor Crops Council deals with include: Transition to reduced risk pest management, new product registration, risk mitigation, worker safety, occupational risk, food safety, & environmental stewardship. The CMCC is facilitating the adoption of "Reduced Risk" pest management through the development of "Pest Management Strategic Plans" (PMSP) for each of our commodities.

The Mission of the California Minor Crops Council:

"Our mission is to provide technical representation to California minor crops through the FQPA implementation phase and to proactively participate in the transition to reduced risk pest management."

The California Minor Crops Council is Supported by the Following Grower and Industry Organizations:

California Asparagus Commission
 California Avocado Commission
 California Cantaloupe Advisory Board
 California Celery Board
 California Cherry Advisory Board
 California Citrus Research Board
 California Cling Peach Growers Advisory Board
 California Dried Bean Advisory Board
 California Grape and Tree Fruit League
 California Kiwifruit Commission
 California Melon Research Board
 California Olive Committee
 California Pear Advisory Board
 California Pepper Commission
 California Plum Marketing Board
 California Dried Plum Board
 California Raisin Advisory Board
 California Strawberry Commission
 California Table Grape Commission
 California Tree Fruit Agreement (Peaches, Plums & Nectarines)
 California Tomato Commission

Federal Advisory Committee Appointments:

CARAT — Committee to Advise on Reassessment and Transition (Joint EPA/USDA Committee)

PPDC — Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (EPA)

CMCC Works with Several Agencies and Institutions:

- CA Department of Food and Agriculture
- CA Department of Pesticide Regulation
- US EPA
- EPA Region 9 in San Francisco
- USDA
- California Pest Management Center - UC Davis
- State and Regional Water Quality Control Boards
- IR-4 Program for Minor Crop Registrations
- UC and California State University Systems
- UC Statewide IPM Project
- UC Cooperative Extension Farm Advisors

CMCC Participates in Activities with a Variety of Industry Organizations:

- California Ag Issues Forum
- California Farm Bureau Federation
- California Water Quality Coalition
- Minor Crop Farmer Alliance
- FQPA Implementation Working Group
- Crop Protection Coalition
- Methyl Bromide Alternatives Group
- American Farm Bureau Federation

Current Projects and Activities of the CMCC:

Technical Representation: For specialty crops regarding FQPA, pesticide issues, methyl bromide phase out, worker protection, and environmental stewardship.

US-EPA Region 9 Grant to Develop Pest Management Strategic Plans (PMSP): These plans will help commodities evaluate current regulatory, research, and educational issues relative to transitioning towards reduced risk integrated pest management.

USDA Cooperative States Research Education and Extension Service Pest Management Alternatives Grant: Awarded to the CMCC to develop outreach and education information on to reduced risk pest management.

Specialty Crop Tours of California Agriculture: In order to illustrate the unique challenges of specialty crop growers and pest control advisors in California, the CMCC has provided the leadership to bring state and federal representatives to the fields, packing houses, and processing plants of our state. These tours increase the understanding of specialty crop agriculture by the regulatory personnel making key decisions which impact California growers & processors.

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